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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)Docket No. (Optional)
HO-P00798US9

In re Application of T. W. Hutchens et al.

Application Number 09/123,253 Filed July 27, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DESORPTION AND
IONIZATION OF ANALYTES

Group Art Unit 1743 Examiner L. Alexander

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 06-2375

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- I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
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